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Nucleus of Gym Workers



Above is pictured the skeleton crew composed of K. Ishimitsu and his 20-man carpenter crew which has been working on the gym-auditorium construction since the building's beginning days.

Work on Gym Halted Thurs. 20-Man Carpenter Crew Walk Out

In apparent protest over the method of timekeeping and the Daily Progress Report which was sent to Washington, the entire crew of workers on the gymnasium construction voluntarily quit work last Thursday.

Although the Community Council was going to discuss this problem at its special meeting Friday afternoon, other matters came up which made it impossible to take up the matter of the workers quitting on the construction work, it was reported.

In regard to the walk-out the Council issued the following statement: "The Council is willing to cooperate in getting the gym done as stated, but due to the lack of understanding by project administration, the Council cannot carry out its share of the responsibility."

Since the statement from Washington setting the deadline for the gym construction, the Council has been able to assign 20 workers as carpenters through recruitment.

Included in the workers in Thursday's walk-out, was the initial crew composed of K. Ishimitsu and his 20-man crew of carpenters. Seventy per cent of the construction work is finished to date.

"Nisei in Uniform" Pamphlet Available Now at USO Office

Two hundred pamphlets entitled "Nisei in Uniform" which was issued by the WRA in collaboration with the War Department may be obtained at the USO office in the Post Office building, according to reports. Preference to these pamphlets will be given to the families with sons in the 442nd Combat Team. However, more copies will be obtained if there is a demand for them.

This 25-page pamphlet illustrates the 442nd and the 100th Battalions from training days at Camp Shelby to actual combat in Italy.

The preface of the pamphlet reads: "American fighting men are proving on battlefields around the world, the truth of President Roosevelt's declaration that Americanism is not a matter of race or ancestry, but a matter of the mind and heart. Every race and nation from which our population has been drawn is represented among the young Americans who are fighting side by side to overthrow the Axis powers. Men of German ancestry have been helping to smash the German Nazis; men of Italian descent have participated in the struggle to drive the Axis forces from Italy; men whose parents came from Japan are showing that devotion to America and gallantry in action are not determined by the slant of the eyes or the color of the skin."

Underneath the introduction is a picture of Miss Pumi Onodera, secretary of the local USO, pointing to the names of her brothers on the Hunt honor roll.

Among the Hunt boys pictured in this pamphlet are Howard Uye-hara, Sam Sasaki, Pfc. Masao Shigemura, Pvt. Hiroshi Okawa, Cpl. Samuel Hokari, Sgt. Yutaka Semba, Cpl. Victor Izui and Richard Nomura.

Pvt. Alice Shimoyama, formerly of Kent, Washington whose parents live in 29-5-A is shown in one of the pictures, carrying the guidon at the head of her WAC company at Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia.

RELOCATION OFFICE
The entire relocation division has been moved to Bldg. 43, V. V. McLaughlin, relocation program officer, announced this week. The Outside employment office, leaves and furlough section, is located in the original building.

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5 Killed, 15 Wounded In Southern France Action

Highest Number of War Casualty Reported to Date; Since July 4

During the past week the casualty list for Hunt men who are now serving overseas has been one of the heaviest since the Battle of Belvedere in Italy on July 4 and 5. Five men were killed and 15 were wounded while fighting the enemy in Southern France according to War Department telegrams received here. Although many of the men who were listed as casualties are volunteers for the special Japanese American Combat Team, there are eight who were inducted prior to evacuation. They are now all members of the 442nd Combat Team.

Killed in Action



Cpl. James Kokubu



Pfc. Yoshito Noritake

A volunteer for the Combat Team, Pfc. Herbert Fushimi, 21, was slightly wounded on October 16 in France, according to a telegram received by his mother, Mrs. Y. Fushimi of 14-2-E on Nov. 4. He is a '42 graduate of Broadway High School in Seattle. Another brother, Carl, also a volunteer, is seeing action overseas.

Pvt. Shigeru Momoda, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Momoda of 12-3-B, was slightly wounded on Oct. 18, in France. A former Seattleite, he was drafted in January, 1942, and went overseas from Camp Shelby in August, 1944. He is a 1941 graduate of the University of Washington. He has four brothers, one overseas and another who left for active duty Wednesday.

Seriously wounded in France on October 22, Pfc. Geo. Y. Hijiya, 20, son of Mr. Kohel Hijiya, volunteered for the Combat Team last April. He is a former Portlander, graduating from Jefferson High School in 1942.

Sgt. Pete Kozu, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kozu of 17-7-C, also sustained slight wounds in France on October 20. He volunteered from Hunt last April and was stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He is a graduate of Broadway High School in Seattle, and has one brother in the Army who is stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla.

A former Seattleite, Pfc. Tom Okazaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Okazaki of 10-5-D, received slight wounds on October 19 in France. A volunteer for the Combat Team he trained at Camp Shelby and was sent overseas this May. His brother, Pvt. Isao Okazaki, was killed in action in the Italian campaign on July 16.

Mr. Kozo Ouchi of 41-11-G was notified by the War Department that his son, Pfc. Albert Yoshio was slightly wounded in France. A volunteer for the Army, he was inducted in May, 1943, and left for overseas duty a year later from Camp Shelby, Mississippi.

Pvt. Morio Makouchi, 25, who was drafted into the Army in April, 1942, was slightly wounded on October 17 in France. Son of Mrs. M. Makouchi of 6-3-F, he is a former Seattleite graduating from Broadway High School in 1939.

Pvt. Sam Asanuma, 29, was seriously wounded on October 20, his family learned this week. Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Asanuma, he volunteered for the Army from Hunt and was stationed at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. He is formerly of Seattle, and attended Franklin High School.

Pvt. Tetsuo Nezu, son of Mrs. Tokuyasu Nezu of 17-9-D, was slightly wounded on October 17 in France. A 1941 graduate of Broadway High School in Seattle, he volunteered for the 442nd Combat Team from here in June, 1943.

He trained at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, and was sent overseas in May of this year. Pfc. Nezu's younger brother Shigeo, also a volunteer for the special unit, is now a prisoner of war.

442nd Regiment Rescues "Lost Battalion" In France

Pfc. Sakumoto, Oahu, First to Reach Men; Asks "Want Cigarettes?"

In a story written by Seymour Korman of the Washington Times-Herald with the dateline of the U. S. Seventh Army in France the heroic rescue of the American "Lost Battalion" by members of 442nd is disclosed for the first time. The story follows: Some further details of the American "Lost Battalion" and its ordeal on a Vosges hill for eight days were pried loose for publication from the Seventh Army today.

From So. Pacific



Sgt. Tomita Visits Center Last Week

After serving overseas in New Guinea, Sergeant Frank T. Tomita recently arrived on the Project to visit his parents residing at 42-5-A. Suffering from a skin disease, Sgt. Tomita has been convalescing at Baxter General Hospital in Spokane, Washington.

A former resident of Seattle, Washington, Sgt. Tomita attended Broadway High. He entered the armed services in February 27, 1941 and was later sent to the South Pacific area.

WFA WORKERS
Due to the fact that (enemy) aliens must be approved by the Department of Agriculture before they can be hired, Japanese Nationals employed in the WFA camps in the Magic Valley were returned to the center this week, V. V. McLaughlin said Friday.

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18 Men Go To Pocatello For Induction

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Harbinger of Others to Follow



Pictured above is the family of Kaz Kimura first evacuee to arrive at the Sioux Ordnance Depot at Sidney, Nebraska. He is shown being greeted by one of the officers at the plant. This photo shows the exterior appearance of the housing project at Ordville.

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Pvt. Yohsei Sagami

Pfc. Yoshio Kato

Pfc. Y. Noritake

Pvt. Morio Makouchi

Pvt. Tetsuo Nezu

Pvt. Sam Asanuma

Pvt. R. Maeda

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